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Note by the Secretariat

1. In its resolution 2004/84, approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 2004/225, the Commission on Human Rights requested the Chairperson of the Commission on Human Rights to appoint an independent expert to provide assistance to the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in the field of human rights, to study the evolving situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and to verify that its obligations in this field are being fulfilled. The independent expert was requested to submit a progress report to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session and to report to the Commission on Human Rights at its sixty-first session.

2. On 26 July 2004, the Chairperson of the Commission of Human Rights appointed Titinga Frédéric Pacéré as independent expert on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Owing to his late appointment, Mr. Pacéré will not be in a position to submit a report to the Assembly as requested. Instead, the independent expert will report orally to the Assembly on his initial observations with respect to his mandate.

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